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EUR - Mr. Long

Berlin Contingency Planning

Attached for appropriate action in EUR is a letter of July 30 to Mr. Murphy from Deputy Secretary of Defense Gates enclosing a memorandum of July 22 to Mr. Murphy from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs concerning Berlin Contingency Planning.

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Attachment:

Letter dated July 30 w/enclosure.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Enclosed is a memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff in response to your letter to General Twining, dated 11 July 1959, regarding additional military preparatory measures in connection with Berlin Contingency Planning.

The Department of Defense considers that the measures listed in the annex to the Joint Chiefs of Staff memorandum are, in general, of a nature which would tend to increase Soviet recognition of our determination to maintain our rights in Berlin. The execution of any of these measures, of course, would be dependent upon the progress of negotiations and existing circumstances.

The Department of Defense concurs in and emphasizes the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, contained in paragraph 2, regarding the effectiveness of "quiet preparatory measures" not detectable by the Free World public. It is considered that such measures alone will convince neither Free World public opinion, nor Soviet leaders of our determination, even though detected by hostile intelligence. Thus their value is of a questionable nature.

A tripartitely assembled list of more elaborate measures to manifest the determination and readiness of the Tripartite Powers has been received from General Norsted's LIVE OAK Group and is under study by the Joint Staff. As soon as the Joint Chiefs of Staff submit their comments, you will be informed.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Rumsfeld

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Enclosure
s/s

The Honorable Robert Murphy

Deputy Under Secretary of State

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MURPHY, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE

Subject: Berlin Contingency Planning

Reference: JCS Message to USCINCEUR No. 962376 of
14 July 1959

1. This is in reply to your letter to General Twining, dated 11 July 1959, regarding additional military preparatory measures.
2. The present U.S. and Allied position on Berlin limits preparatory measures to "quiet, preparatory and precautionary military measures of a kind which will not create public alarm but which will be detected by Soviet Intelligence". The Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that additional military preparatory measures meeting these criteria that could be implemented by the United States at this time, would not manifest our determination to maintain our rights in Berlin. On the contrary, continued avoidance of measures detectable by the Free World public might well have the opposite effect.
3. As evidenced by referenced message to USCINCEUR, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have requested the views of Live Oak staff. To date a reply has not been received. On receipt of General Norstad's reply you will be informed.
4. As you will recall, on 17 March a memorandum was submitted to the President that contained specific proposals advanced by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These proposals were generally of a nature requiring

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preparatory measures for the deployment of forces. The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that the measures in Annex hereto could be executed dependent upon the progress of the negotiations. These measures would manifest our determination to maintain our rights and would be a visible demonstration of our readiness, although they might cause a measure of public uneasiness.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

N. F. Twining

N. F. TWINING,
Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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